ITEMS OF INTEREST

13th St.

ABOUT OUR NEIGH-BORS AND FRIENDS CLIPPED FROM OUR **EXCHANGES**

Fr. d E Gripp, of Omaha, and Lava of the statement made by us some weeks Congram of Newman Grove, were mar- ago that the Wall Street bred money ried Monday afternoon by Judge Riley. panic would not effect land values in

at the postoffice Thursday morning and by Mr. Parr as a home and Mr. Kaster was taken home in an unconscious con-dition, but was recovered sufficiently to be down town Friday.

H. C. Gardner, the sewer contractor, From the Democrat arrived in town Thursday, accompanied by a surveyor and soon started the work Friday night to witness the home talent of unloading the sewer tiling. He ex- play. pecte to have a few of his experienced men on the ground the day after Ohrist- Ripp and family who moved to Missouri mas to start the digging. Considerable home lab r will be employed. He does not expect the frost to hinder the work very much for a while.

From the Enterprise. John Higgins was born in the county of Cork, Ireland, in the year 1832. When a young man he came to the United fornia, dropped into town unexpectedly States and resided a few years in the city of New York. Later he came west and friends and relatives. He had been to for som years was engaged in railroad Chicago on business and stopped off work in the states of Illinois and Iowa. In May 1866 he was married to Mrs. P. E. McKillip left Monday for Lanc-Thomsina Murphy, at Omaha, Nebr., and ing, Michigan, to spend Christmas with in August of the same year entered the Mrs. McKillip and Jean, who have been employ of the Union Pacific railway as visiting for several weeks at the home of section foreman two miles east of the Mrs. John Hardin, nee Frances Hale present town of Clarks. Here he served Mrs. McKillip and Jean will return home the company faithfully for nearly twenty- with Mr. McKillip. four years, suffering all the vicieitudes Dr. C. H. Davies who has practiced of early pioneer life. Later he removed medicine in Humphrey the past year to town where he resided to the time of left yesterday for Hustings to accept the his death. He was a kind generous up- position of assistant physician at the right christian man and loving husband state hospital for the incane The posiand father. His daily life being the best tion carries a good salary with it and evidence of the high sentiments which affords the doctor an opportunity for adhad guided him through life.

neighborhood have been losing hoge many readers in this vicinity: "Mrs. with cholera, and the total loss will Wm. Bellinghausen, of Rhineland, Texas, count up into the thousands of dollars who used to live in the vicinity of Hum-We are told that now the disease seems phrey and St. Mary's for a number of to have run it course and it is to be years, died at her home at Rhineland on hoped that no more herds will be at December 17th, after an illness of about tacked with the dread plague

of eighty acree, a mile and a balf inter- her husband, her aged mother and three est of Howells, was sold to Henry Parr, prothers and four sisters living in Gera son of Adam Parr of the Olean neighborhood, for \$115 per sere This is the beld at the St. Joseph church at 10 a. m. third farm in this vicinity that has Rev. Luckus Hess, officiating.

prices above the \$100 mark, and is proof | not. Attorney McGan was taken ill while, eastern Nebraska. The farm was bought

Otto Roen came up from Columbus

The Democrat understands that Jac. some time ago to make their home, will soon return to Humphrey to live.

Dr. D. M. Ottis left Sunday for his home at Springfield, Ill , his father having sufficiently improved to allow him to return to spend Christmas with his

Frank Eimers, of Los Angeles, Cali-Monday evening for a short visit with on his return home.

vancement that otherwise would be hard to get. The Democrat hopes that he ghter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horton, a will enjoy his new position.

The Democrat is in receipt of the fol-For some months the farmers of this lowing, which will be of interest to ten days. She leaves to mourn her de-Lust Saturday the John Kaster place parture, six sons and three daughters.

Columbus.

PLATTE CENTER

Mie Nellie Sullivan spent the latter part of last week the great of Columbus

Archie Morrow and his newely wedded wife, of College View, are visiting with old friends on Grand Prairie.

Willie Doody, of Obeyenne, Wyo., arrived here last Saturday to spend some time with his relatives and many friends.

Mrs. Willard Hopkins, from Lincoln has been visiting her father, Jas. Burrows, and other relatives here this week. Mrs. K. A. Keboe departed Monday for Canada, partly on a business musici

Wooks. Frunk Bresspan, connected with the navy, from Bremerton, Wash., is visiting here at the home of his sister. Mrs. J. J.

She expects to be absent two or three

We learn that John G. Reagan has de termined to start the new year right by getting married. The lady lives at some point in Iowa. Well John, here are congratulations in advance

From M. E. Cooney we learn that he daughter, Miss Bessie, was married in Chicago come two weeks ago to K. J. Pettitt. Mr. Pettitt holds a responsible position in a bank in that city. The bride has many friends in this community and all extend congratulations.

Miss Kate Regan, daughter of John Regan, er., more familiarly known as the blind girl, is seriously ill at the home of her father, and recovery is extremely doubtful. John Regan, er., is also in a burns which he received in a prairie fire standard, nearly six years ago. Under the circumetances the Signal commends the afflicted members of the Regan family as Adeline, and son Lewis, are holiday

John Reiley has been examining sever al of the wheat fields adjacent to town for evidence as to the presence of green bags in them. He found them, and pulled up were to be found the pests. state, but a little exposure to warmth sets them to moving. They seem to be From the Looking Glass. little mites and some of them are green while others are more of a gravish brown in color. It is thought that much depends on the weather in the spring changed hands in the past two weeks at | whether they will be very destructive or

John Young of Coatsburg, Illinois, is a guest at the home of his mother, Mrs. R. be done, why not now. Young, this week. John is employed as engineer on an Illinois railroad and looks prosperous and says he is happy.

Mr. Ross of the Indian school has re cently received an appointment in the Indian service at Washington, D. C., and will depart from Genoa the first of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have a bost of friends in this city who regret their desuc ees in their new work.

The land seekers, who went to Texas couple of weeks ago with F. D. Goodwin have all returned, and we have been unable to learn that any of them invested or was even tem ted to do so. We asked one of them what he saw and he replied, "The country, the people and a right, the country too darned wet in one place and too darn dry in another, and the people too darn black. Niggers and Greasers, didn't see white men enough to make a quorum in a poker game."

Friends of Fred Dolan are worried over his disappearance. About two weeks ago be came to Genoa, and that

was the last seen of him He had been talking of moving to Oklahoma in the epring, and some of his friends think that possibly he has gone there and will belbeard from in a few days. Married, at the home of the bride's parents, south of Genon, on Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Horton. The bride is a dauyoung lady who has grown to woman hood in Genos. The groom is a young farmer who lives on the Looking Glass

Ella Lamb, who claims to be the wife of John E. Lamb, formerly of Nance county, has commenced an action in the district court of Greeley county to af firm the common law marriage entered into, by and between the plantiff and her alleged husband, the defendant in the case. The plaintiff asks for the privileges and rights of a married woman as well as her own dower interest in the real estate of the defendant.

Mrs. Mary Hart, widow of Charles Hart, who died last July, has been adjudged insane by the county board of insanity and taken to the hospital for insane at Hastings. About one month ago she fell and dislocated her shoulder. dince the accident she has been nursed by her neighbors, Mrs. Mort Irish and Mrs. W. W. Tallman, who noticed a gradual change in her mental condition. She labors under the hallucination that she owns and conducts a bospital and had made arrangements with several parties to eater her service as nurses house and lot in town and an interest in SO acres of land near Monroe when her husband died. When Peter Barr, administrator of the cetate, became aware of her mental condition, he took the pecessary steps to have her placed in an in. stitution where she could have the treatment her case required.

MUNROE.

Miss Grace Lubker spont Christmas rith her parents in Columbus.

Born on Thursday, December 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keeler, a son Mr. and Mrs. Ves'el Moore spent S. E. MARTY & CO. Christmes with Columbus friends

ION PACIFIC TIME TABLE

Daily except Sanday.

guests of Columbus relatives Christmas Jacob Mohr and Mary Kaufmann, living northwest of Monroe, were issued a license by the county judge Tuesday of

Alfred Potter and T. T. Dress of Woodville, and Ed Potter of Silver Freek, accompanied by their families, were Christmas gueste of Monroe re-W. H. Joy returned last Saturday

from Greeley county, where he has been looking after his farm. He reports crops pitiable condition as a result of the in that locality are not up to the usual

Mrs. Alice Coale of Bennet, Neb., socompanied by their daughter. Miss objects of charity to the good people of guests at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Webster.

Dick Bruggeman is having quite time capturing his broncho, which has been at large for about two weeks. The animal has no respect for wire fences. plenty, too. On nearly every stalk he barbed or woven. None of the horse around here can lap up on the guildeless At this season they are to be found on wonder, whose speed far excelle any the roots only. They are in a dormant horse they have put against him so far.

Martin Bloedorn was a Monroe caller this week. He was once our Platte county sheriff.

The house on the place occupied by John Naunberg, two miles east of Occnee, burned on Monday. No particulars.

oil or gas near Dorchester, and no one will prospect here. Some time it will

SILVER CREEK.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Randall of Columbus ate their Christmes dinner with Mrs. Randall's mother, Mrs. Hannah O'Conhor of this place.

Last Monday Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cotton went to Columbus to meet their parture but who wish them all sorts of son, Omer and his bride. Omer J. Ootton and Julia Peterson were married in Omaha December 23 and were on their on their way to Denver for a wedding trip of ten days duration. After their tour they will reside in Omaha where Omer has his beadquarters as an employe of the Union Pacific.

Walter T. Cremeen, manager of the bull fight." "The bull fight was all Silver Creek Telephone Co., was married at Osceola, last Saturday evening. His bride was Miss Mabel Pearson, daughter of Nels Pearson, late of Polk county, now of Valley county. The couple were married at the home of the bride's sister. Mrs. Edward DeLand The couple left to Arcadia, Neb., to visit the bride's parents, and will return to Silver Oreek to make their home.

Walker.

A. P. Johnson has been under the weather for the last few days and is hardly able to be about yet.

August Dahlberg took the morning train at Newman Grove Saturday morn-December 25, 1907, Frank Frederick to ing for Omaha on business, and was back again the same day.

> Andrew Johnson is out collecting for the Monroe Independent Telephone Co. to cettle for that law suit they had with the operator at Monroe some time ago.

> Last Wednesday at four o'clock p. m. at the bride's home in Genoa, occurred the marriage of Occar L. Jenson to Ester M. Swanson, Rev. Fromen of the West Hill M. E. church officiating. After congratulations all repaired to the large dining rooms in the Phillippe hotel, where all partook of a bountiful wed ding dinner. The bride is the youngest daughter of Swan Swanson, who moved from Walker township to Genoa last spring, and the groom is the youngest son of Nels Jensen, who resides in Boone county. The young couple are going to house ke-ping at once, on the farm owned by the groom's father in Boone

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Loren Barnum, wife and two children of Cedar Rapide, Neb., spent Christmas with Loren's sister, Mrs. Bert Hager. Miss Lydia Tannahill returned hou

the latter part of last week from Colors do, where she has been for several

A farmer's wife was in town today and this reporter asked her for news. Turning to her daughter, fourteen years old, the farmer's wife said, "Ask Jessie; she's been listening over the telephone.

Some new form of bog disease is kill ing off thousands of bogs in the younity of Rulo, Neb. In one instance 148 of a berd of 169 died in a short time. Hor raisers are shipping their hogs away as fast as possible. The veterinarians have as yet been unable to recognize this hog malady.

The end news, that Bert Brower was his mother at Lincoln Monday. It was not true, but Bert now lies in a hospital at said city from wounds received in a many friends in Bellwood.

portunities as usually come to the averfinish his education and put on the vence ring. We will find him able to appear problems of the age and to successfully

Miss Ruth Smott, who is attending

Lincoln Tuesday for a visit with his Clarence, for Columbus, from which place he took the train for the east.

Clarence and Byron Hardy came over from Columbus Morday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs Washington Hardy. Byron, who has been under the care of Dr. Gifford, of Omaha, for the past few weeks, has found that medical skill can do nothing for his eyes. The case is a sad one, for Mr. Hardy is still a comparatively young man and has a family dependent upon

thrilling experience at the Nye. Schneiafternoon. While working in the lower part of the building, he heard a noise and thought that comething was not in working order. He opened a trap door to investigate, when one of the cupe closed his hand just as he was caught, which stopped the elevator and no doubt saved him from losing his hand. He soon made himself heard and Manager Dunkle at once stopped the engine. Although no bones were broken, Mr. Jourson has a badly bruised hand.

Spectator Understood Game of Poker

as Played in Tin Can.

'Well, wasn't it his deal?' he said."

WITH THE BRAND OF CAIN. French Scientist Advocates the Marking of Murderers.

A French scientist has made a re markable proposal in regard to the punishment of murderers in France. He is of the opinion that neither guillotining nor life imprisonment is an adequate or suitable punishment for murder. The guillotine, he points out, inflicts absolutely no suffering on the ing on others. As to life imprisonment, it entails a heavy expense to the country and generally reduces the prinoner to insanity. He suggests, therefore, that such criminals shall be branded on the face with a redhot iron and then released. The branding. he thinks, should be done in public, the "M," signifying meurtrier, the French word for murderer, being stamped as an ineradicable mark on the forehead of the criminal. He would thus bear about to the end of his days the mark of his crime, and be a constant warning to his kind.

THEIR HONEYMOON

The October bride bestowed ecstate hugs and little fluttering kisses upon the several members of the group that welcomed her back to town. Then she seated herself with an air of much dignity and looked as severe ?- it is possible for one to look wit. a dimple in one's chin. "We did have a heavenly time," she

admitted. "But I am sure you haven't the right idea as to why it was so per "Why, because it was your wedding trip, of course," protested one.

"Not at all for that reason," stoutly asserted the October bride, blushing nevertheless. "It would be truer to say that it was in spite of that." "You know, girls," pursued the October bride, an earnest wrinkle in her brow, "Jack and I are much too old for foolishness. Yes, we are. So we decided at the very beginning that we were going to be perfectly sensible and natural about our little tour and not a bit like the conventional young

"Can't you just see them!" exclaimed one of the listeners. "Be still! So we planned to go straight to New York, getting there in time for the art exhibit we were both crazy to see. Besides, we would visit

a few relatives, have a good time with Jack's old friends and go about town as much as we liked. Now, wasn't that a sensible enough programme for



anybody? And it was such fun that Jack and I both said on the way home we should consider it a real duty to tell everybody who was going to be married this year to try it."

"I was wild to see those pictures; tell us about them," said one of the October bride's friends.

"Oh, the pictures, of course. Why, there was one room that a beautiful water-color in it. I don't seem to recall the artist, but there were the cosiest little alcoves, with big leather divans as quiet as could be. didn't see a great deal of the pictures, though. I was sorry for that, but we went only two days, and we didn't get around much, some-

"And the theaters?" asked one girl. 'What was there at the theaters?" "There were some awfully good things. Jack and I went several times, and I never enjoyed anything more. What did we see? Why, you know that one where the girl comes in-oh, I never can remember names of things! Besides, we didn't go as often as we should have liked. Our

evenings were so full." "I suppose Jack's friends went mad about you both," asserted the impulsive girl.

"Well, all we met were delightful and cordial. We met only one or two of them, as it happened. Jack and I were both rather sorry about this, but Jack said that, after all, we should be going back in a few months, and, as long as we were so hurried this time, perhaps it was just as well that it wasn't known by many of his friends that we were in town." "Were the shops as exciting as

ever?" demanded the frivolous girl. "Oh, perfectly fascinating! That was one thing I saved my time for. I wasn't entirely satisfied with what had and I meant to do a good deal of shopping, but as it turned out we had only about an hour just before our train left."

"But I don't see," protested a bewildered auditor, "what you really did in New York."

"You don't! Haven't I just been telling you? Why, we were terribly busy all the time. The days simply flew. There was the park, and we drove about a good deal and visited all sorts of out-of-the-way restaurants that Jack knows-and-why, we hardly got there before it was time to turn around and come home." "And you would seriously advise the rest of us to adopt the same plan for a honeymoon?" inquired the de-

mure girl, softly. "I most certainly should." derior it is to the usually silly, mooning kind of thing. What are you girls laughing at? Oh, you wretches!" -Chicago Daily News.

TRAMPS WHO DO GOOD.

Apple Tree Johnny Has Successor Nut Planting Hobe.

The story is told of a Pennsylvania tramp who in his wanderings up and down on the earth carries his pockets full of nuts, which he plants as he goes. For three years he has followed this practice, says the Virginia Pilot. and during that time is said to have planted thousands and thousands of spots-rocky hillsides and abandoned ough councils.

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streams-so that the chances of trees being destroyed before they grow up and mature will be minis ed. This old tramp is doing something more than guaranteeing the future youth of Pennsylvania against the loss of the joy of nutting. He is set ting an example in tree planting which the farmers throughout the land may well follow with profit to themselves and to the country. This aut-planting tramp recalls another member of the wandering tribes. He was known throughout the country as Apple Tree Johnny from his habit of planting anple seeds in fence corners and other nooks. Many a wayside fruit tree is said to owe its existence to Apple Tree

A Vain Boaster.

A farmer in central New York state has in his employ a man named George, whose understanding is not very acute. One day as his employer came out to the field where he was working, George hailed him: "Say, boss, who do you like best. Mr. Gorman or Mr. Carney." naming two ministers whose churches are in the neighborhood. "Well," said the farmer. "I couldn't say. I never heard Mr. Gorman preach." "I don't like that man Carney," said George; "he brags too much. I went to his church last Sunday and he didn't talk about anything but his father's mansions and brag about how much finer they were than any one else's."-Lippincott's Maga-

Ham Was Hard to Find.

Mrs. M. G. Quackenbos, whom Attorney General Bonaparte has made one of his special assistants in the campaign against the trusts, is a New York lawyer. She tells this story of a railway ham sandwich: "A man paused bitterly in the consumption of a very hard, dry railway ham sandwich and said to the maid behind the counter: ' don't see no ham in this.' 'You ain't come to it yet,' said the maid with a smile. A minute or two passed. The man's jaws worked gloomily. Then they stopped again, and he said: 'I don't see no ham yet, young woman.' 'Oh' she replied, 'you've gone and bit over it now."

A Forestry School. The opening of a forestry school !> South Africa a year 230 marked anotier advance in the propagation of the forestry idea. The school was established by the government of the Cape of Good Hope at Tokal, Cape Colo. 7. to train men for the government forestry service in the several South African provinces. The course covers two years, the first year at the South African college and the second year at the Forestry school at Tokai on a long-established estate, where there are extensive forest lands and a great variety of trees in all stages of de-

Watching the "Kids." A sign displayed in front of a New York department store is the delight of mothers and incidentally the irrovation has increased the rush at the store's bargain counters. The store employs a fatherly-looking man to stand outside and watch the young hopefuls while the mothers wage battle with each other in front of the counters. The scheme has proved a

Nothing Lacking. When Helen Keller, the brilliant

blind and deaf girl, met Dr. Purness, the Shakespearean scholar, he warned her not to let college professors tell her too many assumed facts about tized, married and died.

"Well," she replied, "he seems to have done all the essential things."

Women in Public Life.

great success.

There are, it is estimated, something like 2,000 women on various publicly elected bodies in England and Wales at the present time, and of this number about 1,200 are members of boards of guardians. Of the 644 unions in England and Wales 407 now have women guardians, the proportion of women to men being one in every 21 or 22. In London there are 120 women guardians distributed among 31 unions. The new qualification bill will open up 417 more public bodies to women-namely, 326 town councils, 63 nuts, always seeking the out-of-the-way county councils and 28 London bos-

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killed in a wreck at Souix City, reached wreck between two trains, with shight hopes of his recovery. He had only been married about a week, which makes the accident more sad. Bert has been acting as fireman on the road for some time. He has the sympathy of his

The farmer's boy does not look so attractive following the plow with his overballs on, but let him become physically developed, having grasped such opage boy, then send him to college to to advantage in any society, able to successfully grapple with the great fill a place of trust in any branch of

the Catholic school at Columbus, came over Saturday to spend her vacation at Captain A. H. Hardy came up from

parents. On Wednesday he received a pessage from the company which employs him, calling him to Chicago. He left immediately, with his brother

Roy Johnson figured in a somewhat der. Flower Co's, elevator lust Friday caught his hand. It seems that he

COULD SEE NOTHING UNFAIR.

Henry E. Dixey, the actor, was talking about the terrific fight that occurred recently on an Atlantic liner between two fat and elderly poker players. "It seems," said Mr. Dixie, with a smile, "that the first man lost \$1,300 to the second and paid up. The second then lost \$1,750 to the first, and refused to pay up. No wonder there was a fight, eh? If this sort of thing keeps up, the smoking room morals of a liner will fall as low as the gambling-room morals of Tin Can. A ten derfoot once visited Tin Can and watched with interest the poker play. From saloon to saloon he passed Everything was wide open, and very gay and lively. But as he looked on at a poker game that had no limit the tenderfoot suddenly frowned. He had seen the dealer slip himself four aces from the bottom of the pack. 'Gracious powers,' whispered the ten derfoot, excitedly clutching the sleeve of the man next to him, 'did you notice that?" 'Notice what?' asked the other. 'Why, that scoundrel in the red shirt just dealt himself four aces.' "The other looked at the tenderfoot calmly.

criminal, who is probably a man who clared the October bride, earnestly. he said, is that Shakespeare was bap-

HARD AND SOFT COAL-ORDERS FILLED PROMPT-LY. P. D. SMITH LUMBER